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2005-2006 CHILDCARE EXCLUSION LIST

**Includes: Exclusion List for 3, 4, and 5-year-old Kindergarten, and
Exclusion List for Medically Fragile Children in Grades 1-12**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are asking for your help to keep your child's school or out-of-home childcare center a healthy place to grow, learn and play. **We request that you keep your child out of school or childcare, including before- or after-school care, when he or she has an illness that can be spread to others.**

DHEC has developed Exclusion Lists to help parents decide when children are too ill to go to school or to out-of-home childcare. A brochure explaining the **Childcare Exclusion List** is attached to this letter. It describes conditions and illnesses that keep children out of school or childcare, and what kinds of notes are needed for children to return. The information in this brochure applies to:

- All children in out-of home childcare,
- All students in 3, 4 and 5 year old kindergarten, and
- Medically Fragile Students 1st through 12th grades.

If your preschool, kindergarten, or medically fragile child has one of the conditions on the list, please contact your child's school or childcare provider as soon as possible.

We hope that your child never has to miss school or stay out of childcare because of illness or disease. The best protection from disease is prevention. You can help prevent many illnesses by making sure your child receives immunizations on time, and by teaching your child to wash his or her hands often.

If you have any questions about the Childcare Exclusion List or about ways to help your child stay healthy, please call your child's childcare provider, school or your local health department.

Thank you for helping us to keep children healthy and ready to learn.

Sincerely,



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You can find more information about the
Childcare Exclusion List on the Internet at:
www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/exclusion.htm.